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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO OBASANJOTO VISIT THE US

REF: A) LAGOS 5970; B) STATE 117997

1. SIGNED ORIGINAL OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF INVITATION TO OBASANJO DATED MAY 26 BEING SENT IN UNCLASSIFIED POUCH SCHEDULED BE DISPATCHED MAY 31. ETA LAGOS JUNE 1. REGISTRATION NUMBER IS 3133944. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER:

2. QUOTE DEAR GENERAL OBASANJO:

UNDER SECRETARY COOPER HAS INFORMED ME OF THE GOOD TALKS
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THAT HE HAD WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO NIGERIA. I APPRECIATE THEIR RECEIVING HIM TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC MATTERS THAT ARE OF SUCH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. I AM SORRY THAT YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO MEET WITH ANDY YOUNG AT THIS TIME, BUT WE FULLY UNDERSTAND THE SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES THAT MADE THIS IMPOSSIBLE.

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AT MY REQUEST, MR. COOPER EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO YOU
THROUGH COMMISSIONER GARBA TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES THIS

COMING OCTOBER. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO CONFIRM T,AT IN-
VITATION FORMALLY AND ADD MY SINCERE PERSONAL HOPE THAT
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT IT. THE RANGE OF ISSUES THAT
INVOLVE NIGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES GOES FAR BEYOND
ECONOMIC MATTERS. WE ARE BOTH DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE
PROSPECTS FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, AND STABILITY IN AFRICA
AND ABOUT WORLD PEACE GENERALLY. I AM SURE THAT PERSONAL
CONTACTS WILL ENABLE BOTH OF US TO DISCHARGE OUR RE-
SPONSIBILITIES MORE EFFECTIVELY.

IN THE MEANTIME, I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GREAT REGARD AND
APPRECIATION FOR THE DYNAMIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE THAT
NIGERIA IS PLAYING. WE, TOO, HAVE ACCEPTED HEAVY RE-
SPONSIBILITIES, ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE AFFAIRS OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA WHERE OUR TWO COUNTRIES SHARE COMMON GOALS.
I HAVE INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR EASUM TO KEEP YOU WELL IN-
FORMED ON OUR ACTIVITIES AND TO RELAY TO ME ANY ADVICE
THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE TO OFFER.

MY WIFE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THIS AUTUMN.
SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER UNQUOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT CONCURS FULLY WITH YOUR COMMENT REFTEL A
THAT SPECIAL EMISSARY NOT NECESSARY. YOU MAY WISH, HOW-
EVER TO CONSULT WITH GARBA (WHO SAID HE WOULD PROBABLY
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BE RETURNING TO LAGOS JUNE 1) ABOUT POSSIBLE WAYS TO
MAXIMIZE IMPACT OF LETTER. IN ANY CASE, YOU SHOULD
DELIVER LETTER IN PERSON TO OBASANJO. VANCE

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